



February 22, 2010

To Members of the Labor Committee:

My name is Jim Sorenson and I am the General Manager of the Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation paper mill facility in Uncasville, Connecticut.

I am writing to you to voice my opposition to SB-63, which would require Connecticut employers to provide paid sick leave. This proposal will substantially increase our business costs and could force us to reevaluate the other benefits we provide our employees. As an employer of 69 hourly employees, I have determined that this bill will potentially add a quarter of a million dollars to my cost of doing business.

Smurfit-Stone Container Corporation recently filed for protection under Chapter 11.

I urge you to reject this proposal and work with the business community to control labor and workplace costs in Connecticut.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

James D. Sorenson